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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *April 4, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Storm knocks over more than 100 utility poles.** A powerful storm that passed through New Mexico April 4 knocked over 150 power poles in the northeastern part of the state leaving more than 900 homes without power. After assessing the damage, utility officials said it could be days before service is restored. A manager with the Springer Electric Cooperative said winds came through and shattered the wooden power poles. Electric utility officials said crews were moving through as fast as they could to replace the poles and get power restored. Extra crews were called in from Arizona and Texas to help.
Source: <http://www.newswest9.com/story/17329671/storm-knocks-over-more-than-100-utility-poles>
2. *April 3, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **About 40,000 in north Texas without power.** Tens of thousands of north Texas homes and businesses, concentrated in the south Arlington and Lancaster areas, remained without power April 3 after storms and tornadoes raked the area. Oncor Electric Delivery, which operates most of the power lines in the region, said about 15,000 customers in Tarrant County and about 18,000 in Dallas County were in the dark. In all, more than 40,000 customers in Oncor's service area were without power. A spokeswoman said the utility was calling in dozens of crews from unaffected parts of its service area in central and west Texas and will be working through the night to restore power. It was expected to take until April 4 to get a firm estimate on how long that will take, she said. The Insurance Council of Texas, an Austin-based industry group, said it was too early to make a dollar estimate of the damage to insured property as a result of the storms.
Source: http://blogs.star-telegram.com/storm_troopers/2012/04/about-40000-in-north-texas-without-power.html
3. *April 3, Great Falls Tribune* – (Montana) **Oil, gas board to begin 'risk-based' well inspections.** The Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation — told in a September 2011 legislative audit to improve its inspections and enforcement of oil and gas well operations — asked the petroleum department at Montana Tech to assist in making improvements, the Great Falls Tribune reported April 3. One recommendation in the audit was that the division develop a formal risk-based inspection approach that establishes inspection priorities.
Source: <http://www.greatfallstribune.com/article/20120403/NEWS01/120403007/Oil-gas-board-begin-risk-based-well-inspections?odyssey=nav|head>
4. *April 3, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **DEP OKs \$725M in pollution controls for Pa. plant.** The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) approved \$725 million worth of pollution control equipment for a coal-fired western

Pennsylvania power plant, the Associated Press reported April 3. The Homer City Generating Station is the state's second-largest coal-fired plant and produces enough energy to power 2 million homes. The plant is owned by General Electric and operated by Irvine, California-based Edison Mission Energy, which says the new equipment will reduce sulfur dioxides by 84 percent, mercury by 90 percent, and soot by 57 percent. Environmentalists claim the sulfur dioxide controls are not good enough to meet proposed stricter federal standards and might make soot worse.

Source: http://www.wytv.com/content/news/pastate/story/DEP-OKs-725M-in-pollution-controls-for-Pa-plant/vkNtpGwNeU6unR9S5A39_Q.csp

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *April 4, Associated Press* – (National) **Chinese hedge and grass trimmers recalled following reports of fuel leaks.** Thousands of Chinese-made grass and hedge trimmers were recalled due to fuel tank leaks, according to a Consumer Product Safety Commission announcement April 4. Trimmers made by Husqvarna Machinery Manufacturing Co. Ltd. were found to leak between the fuel line and the tank. No injuries were reported. The commission said the trimmers should be returned to the place of purchase for a free repair. The recall included about 19,500 grass trimmers and 6,500 hedge trimmers that were sold from May 2011 to January 2012.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/chinese-hedge-and-grass-trimmers-recalled-following-reports-of-fuel-leaks/2012/04/04/gIQALTtHvS_story.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

6. *April 4, eWeek* – (International) **Some Zeus bots still active after Microsoft takedown, FireEye says.** In March, Microsoft officials said in they and several partners were able to take over a major part of the infrastructure of a Zeus botnet, shutting down command and control (C&C) centers in Illinois and Pennsylvania as part of what they called Operation b71. However eWeek reported April 4 that security experts are saying that while the operation shut down the bulk of the bots, a few remain and are still in operation. According to a researcher FireEye's Malware Intelligence Lab, three domains remain in operation, including one Zeus variant that partially recovered from Microsoft's efforts and is known for quickly changing its C&C domains. Since January, according to FireEye's count, the company found 156 C&C domains used by the Zeus botnet. In Operation b71's "sinkhole" effort, Microsoft was able to take over 147 of the domains. FireEye listed two domains as dead and four others abandoned. Zeus malware uses keylogging to access user names and passwords from a PC, enabling cyber-criminals to steal people's online identities.
Source: <http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Security/Some-Zeus-Bots-Still-Active-After-Microsoft-Takedown-FireEye-Says-551157/>
7. *April 3, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Arizona) **Phoenix Valley pair plead guilty to \$5.3M mortgage fraud scheme.** An Arizona mortgage broker and her former associate each admitted to conspiring to commit a multiple-transaction mortgage fraud that federal law enforcement calculates resulted in a loss to defrauded financial institutions of approximately \$5,300,000. She entered a guilty plea to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud in federal court April 2. Her accomplice previously entered his guilty plea to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. The woman held herself out to be a mortgage broker, loan officer, and real estate investor. She was president of Golden Opportunity Investments, located in Scottsdale. The accomplice operated a construction and remodeling company, Arizona Cooling Control Plus. Both admitted that between May 2005 and February 2007, they recruited straw buyers with good credit scores to purchase residential properties. In order to qualify for mortgage financing, they had the straw buyers submit loan applications and supporting documents that misrepresented their incomes, assets, liabilities, employment status, and intent to occupy the properties. At the close of escrow, they obtained a portion of the loan proceeds as "cash back" to be used for mortgage payments and for their own personal enrichment. They each admitted their fraudulent scheme resulted in the purchase of at least 17 residential properties, obtaining loans in the total amount of nearly \$17 million. All 17 properties went into foreclosure.
Source: <http://www.loansafe.org/phoenix-valley-pair-plead-guilty-to-5-3m-mortgage-fraud-scheme>

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Transportation Sector

8. *April 4, NewsCore* – (Texas) **Hundreds of flights canceled as Dallas counts cost of tornadoes.** Hundreds of flights from Dallas-Fort Worth and Love Field airports were canceled April 4 after two powerful tornadoes caused widespread damage. Dozens of people were injured and two cities declared disaster zones after the tornadoes swept

through the Dallas-Fort Worth area April 3. More than 100 aircraft at both airports were damaged by baseball-sized chunks of hail, causing more than 200 departures to be canceled. Around 1,400 passengers spent the night in the terminals at Dallas-Fort Worth. The airport distributed cots, blankets, pillows, and toiletry kits. Thousands of other passengers went to area hotels. The storm was expected to move eastward April 4 toward the Lower Mississippi Valley and parts of the Mid-Atlantic, before extending to New Orleans and Tallahassee, Florida. In Texas, Arlington and Lancaster were declared disaster zones April 3 as the tornadoes tore through houses, threw tractor-trailers into the air, and left debris strewn across streets. The Texas governor activated the Texas State Operations Center in San Antonio. Three hundred buildings in Lancaster, 15 miles south of Dallas, were damaged, and the city's recreation center was used as a shelter. The home of the Texas Rangers in Arlington was also hit as a twister caused significant damage to homes and businesses. One person was critically injured and another six were hurt. At least four people were hospitalized. The National Weather Service spotted "potentially deadly" tornadoes near Greenville, northeast of Dallas. There were no reports of fatalities, but emergency crews still were assessing the impact of the storms, which also lashed the heavily-populated area with rain and baseball-sized chunks of hail. Approximately 12,000 people in the Fort Worth area were left without power.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/04/04/hundreds-flights-canceled-as-dallas-counts-cost-tornadoes/>

9. *April 4, WSPA 7 Spartanburg* – (North Carolina) **Crews cleaning up after I-26 tanker crash in Henderson County.** Emergency crews were on the scene of an accident that shut down I-26 in Henderson County, North Carolina. Troopers said April 3, a tanker truck was traveling east on I-26 and overturned just before the Peter Guice Memorial Bridge, also known as the Green River bridge. The truck slid out onto the bridge and burst into flames from sulfuric acid the tanker was carrying. The driver was taken to the hospital. The Western North Carolina HAZMAT Team remained on the scene. The North Carolina Department of Transportation established detour routes to help drivers avoid the area. A bridge engineer on the scene said there were five bridge engineers currently going over the bridge to look for any structural damage.

Source: <http://www2.wspa.com/news/2012/apr/03/40/tanker-truck-carrying-sulfur-crashes-i-26-ar-3538527/>

10. *April 4, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **Hydrochloric acid spill shuts down I-10 near San Antonio.** HAZMAT units responded to a hydrochloric acid leak in the northbound lanes of I-10 west near DeZavala Road late April 3 near San Antonio. The roadway was still closed April 4. A spokesman for TxDOT said they are unsure how long it would take to clear the roadway, and unsuspected setbacks delayed the cleanup. The spill occurred after an 18-wheeler hauling the acid was involved in a major accident near Woodstone. The concern was that if the leak was not contained in time, 3,000 gallons of the acid could eat the highway. That could be a costly consequence and a threat to public health, as hydrochloric acid is a corrosive solution that can cause an unpleasant odor, nausea, or dizziness.

Source: <http://www.khou.com/news/texas-news/Hydrochloric-acid-spill-shuts-down-I-10-near-San-Antonio-146107945.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

11. *April 3, Manassas News & Messenger* – (Virginia) **Unknown substance identified outside Prince William Hospital.** A package with white powder was deemed safe April 3, but only after two people were decontaminated at Prince William Hospital. The Manassas, Virginia fire marshal said the substance was magnesium carbonate. A FedEx driver handled the package near a K-mart, then began to feel ill, and went to the hospital. According to a Prince William Fire and Rescue spokeswoman, the county HAZMAT team set up a safety zone and enclosed the area surrounding the vehicle the FedEx employees arrived in. While HAZMAT teams tested the substance, investigators spoke with the person receiving the package. The recipient said it was magnesium carbonate, being sent from Trinidad and Tobago. Tests confirmed the substance with 97 percent certainty, and the area was reopened.

Source: <http://www2.insidenova.com/news/2012/apr/03/17/fire-hazmat-substance-prince-william-hospital-ar-1815278/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

12. *April 3, Food Safety News* – (National) **Final report on Jimmy John's E. coli outbreak: 29 ill in 11 states.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a final report on the multistate outbreak of E. coli infection linked to sprouts in Jimmy John's sandwiches, Food Safety News reported April 3. Between late December 2011 and early March, 29 individuals were infected with E. coli O26 traced to raw clover sprouts from Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwich restaurants. The case count in the Final Case Update is up 4 from the last update March 8, which identified 25 victims. Three of the new cases were from states that had not reported any outbreak-related illnesses as of March. Those states — Pennsylvania, Washington, and West Virginia — each reported one case. Michigan's victim count rose from 2 to 3. The final breakdown of cases by state is as follows: Alabama (1), Arkansas (1), Iowa (5), Kansas (2), Michigan (10), Missouri (3), Ohio (3), Pennsylvania (1), Washington (1), Wisconsin (1), and West Virginia (1). Of the 27 victims interviewed, 85 percent reported eating sprouts at Jimmy John's in the 7 days before their symptoms began.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/04/final-report-on-jimmy-johns-e-coli-outbreak-released/>

13. *April 3, Food Safety News* – (National) **Salmonella outbreak may be linked to sushi.** An outbreak of illnesses caused by Salmonella Bareilly poisoning, possibly linked but not confirmed to be associated with sushi, has sickened 90 people in 19 states and Washington, D.C., as of April 2, according to sources within the U.S. Food

and Drug Administration (FDA). According to an internal FDA e-mail, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has characterized this outbreak as “ongoing and rapidly expanding,” particularly due to the prolonged reporting lag time (which can be up to 32 days after a patient’s infection is confirmed by lab analysis). Seven people reportedly were hospitalized. The FDA worked with the CDC in investigating the outbreak and is continuing to eliminate other possible vehicles as the source of the illnesses. CDC officials postulate that sushi is the likely source of this outbreak, with spicy tuna roll sushi “highly suspect.” The FDA source said data collected by the states and the agency’s district offices focuses on six implicated restaurant clusters where diners reported illness. Those clusters are in Texas, Maryland, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, and two are in Wisconsin.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/04/salmonella-outbreak-may-be-linked-to-sushi/>

14. *April 3, US Food Safety* – (Arizona; Illinois; Michigan) **Al Baghdadi Food Potato Chop allergy alert and recall.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced Al Baghdadi Food, a Hazel Park, Michigan establishment, is recalling approximately 5,400 pounds of its Al Baghdadi Food Fully Cooked Potato Chop with beef filling because of misbranding and undeclared allergens. The product contains soy and milk food allergens not declared on the label, US Food Safety reported April 3. The Potato Chop products were produced between August 16, 2011, and April 2, and were sold to retail stores, institutions, and wholesale establishments in Arizona, Illinois, and Michigan. The problem occurred when an ingredient supplier reformulated their product and the change was not reflected on the finished product label. The problem was discovered during a routine verification activity by FSIS.

Source: <http://www.usfoodsafety.com/zr120061.aspx>

15. *April 3, Associated Press* – (California) **Citrus quarantine in place in Hacienda Heights.** California agriculture officials have declared a quarantine in the Hacienda Heights area of Los Angeles County because of a deadly citrus disease. The 93-square-mile area is centered near State Route 60, the California Department of Food and Agriculture said April 3. It extends south into Orange County, north into Baldwin Park and West Covina, west into South El Monte and Whittier, and east into Walnut and Rowland Heights. The quarantine prohibits the removal of any citrus fruit that is not commercially cleaned and packed. Any other fruit may not be removed from the property on which it is grown, although it may be consumed onsite. The disease, known as citrus greening, threatens California’s \$2 billion citrus industry. It attacks a tree’s vascular system, eventually killing the tree.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2012/04/03/state/n181525D31.DTL>

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Water Sector

16. *April 4, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **Another water main break — this time in south L.A.** A water main break was reported in south Los Angeles April 4, a day after seven other water main breaks within 3 1/2 miles of each other. Around 6 p.m. April 3, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) reported the pipe repaired earlier on La Mirada had a new break near the repair point after being repressurized. Officials said water and power customers could be affected for 10 to 12 hours. All the other water main breaks were repaired by the evening of April 4. At the peak of service interruptions April 3, about 130 LADWP customers were either without water or were experiencing low water flow while the pipes were fixed. A water main break at the intersection of Fairfax and Third Street caused part of the pavement to buckle. LADWP said the breaks were related to pressure changes caused by repair work done on the Lower Franklin Reservoir April 2. The reservoir work is expected to be completed by April 6.
Source: <http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-west-hollywood-water-main-break,0,5157137.story>
17. *April 4, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Drought drying out Kansas aquifers.** According to the Kansas Geological Survey (KGS), the lack of rainfall in Kansas in 2011 led to intense declines in ground water levels around the state, the Associated Press reported April 4. KGS said the Ogallala Aquifer in southwest Kansas usually sees annual declines, but its average drop of 3.78 feet in 2011 was one of the worst in decades, compared to a drop of about 3 feet in 2010 and 1.39 feet in 2009. Much of Kansas received 25 to 50 percent of normal precipitation in 2011. “The growing season was probably the worst since the 1930s,” said a water data manager for the geological survey. In central and south-central Kansas, where ground water levels usually show gains or only modest declines, the water table in the Equus Beds aquifer decreased an average of 3.17 feet. The Big Bend region just west of the Equus Beds had a decline that averaged 3 feet. Farmers in the Big Bend district took out 1,056 emergency permits through the Kansas Department of Agriculture to overpump in 2011, the most out of any district.
Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2012/04/04/3534830/drought-drying-out-kansas-aquifers.html>
18. *April 3, Medford Mail Tribune* – (Oregon) **Eagle Point decides to stop using reservoir until leaks fixed.** Concerned that a leaking 3.6 million gallon hillside water reservoir may have undermined the ground around and below it, officials in Eagle Point, Oregon, decided to take the tank offline April 3 until the source of the leaks could be found and repaired. During March, the city paid \$18,000 to seal over 980 feet of cracks in the reservoir’s concrete floor pad, hoping that would end the leaks. The public works director said the process only succeeded in taking care of about 30 percent of the problem. Testing of water coming out of drainage pipes in the reservoir area showed chlorine present, indicating the tank was still leaking. The director said the tank failed its leak test in 1996 during its construction, and it was unclear if recommended testing was done later. While this reservoir is offline, the city’s water supply will come from the recently renovated 4 million gallon reservoir, but officials were unsure if it would be adequate. The director said the city will have water, but if the leaking tank cannot be brought back online this summer, some city residents may

experience lower water pressures.

Source:

<http://www.mailtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120403/NEWS07/204030333/-1/NEWSMAP>

19. *April 3, El Centro Imperial Valley Press* – (California) **Earthquake damage still not repaired.** Repairs to the Calxico water treatment plant in California that occurred April 4, 2010, during the 7.2-magnitude earthquake have not yet been repaired. While funds have been allocated at the state level, it is the city's responsibility to accelerate the repair process. The support that holds the plant's water tank roofs together was damaged in the earthquake.
Source: <http://www.ivpressonline.com/news/ivp-earthquake-damage-still-not-repaired-20120403,0,7735578.story>
20. *April 3, Bainbridge Island Review* – (Washington) **Treatment tank leak started late last week, official says.** Officials with Washington's Kitsap Public Health District said April 3 the leak at the Fort Ward Treatment Plant that may have sent sludge down Tani Creek and into Blakely Harbor was actually discovered March 30 but not reported to the public until April 3. Officials were not immediately aware the sludge escaped the grounds of the facility. The sludge leaked from a 1-inch hole in the side of a tank and then entered a nearby ditch, then neighboring wetlands, and then Tani Creek before reaching Blakely Harbor. Officials were awaiting test results to confirm pollution found off-site April 3 came from the Fort Ward Treatment Plant. It was the site's first leak, officials said.
Source: <http://www.bainbridgereview.com/news/146031825.html>
21. *April 3, Utica Observer-Dispatch* – (New York) **Sinkhole on Burnet Street brought water-main break to light.** Officials in Utica, New York, became aware of an ongoing water main break April 2 only after a truck fell through the pavement, city police said. Police were called to the intersection of Burnet and Elizabeth streets after the truck's tire fell into a sinkhole. No one was injured, but the road was closed so the Department of Public Works and Mohawk Valley Water Authority could address the problem.
Source: <http://www.uticaod.com/news/x2020322327/Sinkhole-on-Burnet-Street-brought-water-main-break-to-light>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

22. *April 3, Washington State Department of Health* – (Washington) **Whooping cough cases reach epidemic levels in Washington.** April 3, the state secretary of health announced whooping cough disease has reached epidemic levels in Washington. So far in 2012, 640 cases have been reported in 23 counties as of March 31. This compares to 94 cases during this same time period in 2011, putting Washington on pace to have the highest number of reported cases in decades. The State Department of Health is introducing a new public service radio announcement reminding people how serious

whooping cough can be and to get vaccinated.

Source: http://www.doh.wa.gov/Publicat/2012_news/12-038.htm

23. *April 3, Appleton Post-Crescent* – (Wisconsin) **Suspect identified in Planned Parenthood bomb incident near Appleton.** Wisconsin's Grand Chute police identified the man they say is responsible for planting the homemade explosive that ignited a fire at a Planned Parenthood clinic April 1 with the help of surveillance video taken at the clinic. Police said a witness came forward April 2 who saw a white van leave the vicinity of Planned Parenthood at the same time flames were visible. Officers corroborated the information through the surveillance video. Police later learned a van of similar description was involved in a crash in Kaukauna about an hour after the fire at the clinic. The man was taken to Appleton Medical Center for treatment and the van was towed away. Police said the crashed van and the van in the security footage each carried striping along the sides "that we all thought was fairly unique." Investigators said the driver involved in the crash matched the physical description of the man observed on Planned Parenthood security video. The man was jailed April 3 for violating terms of his probation and charged in federal court with arson. The man is being held in jail without bond. Grand Chute police detectives, the FBI, and the federal Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms continue to investigate and search for more information that "might link this person to the situation."

Source: <http://www.postcrescent.com/article/20120403/APC0101/120403095/Police-arrest-suspect-bomb-incident-Planned-Parenthood-clinic-story-video-?odyssey=nav|head>

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24. *April 4, CNN* – (California) **Authorities name 6 of 7 murder victims in Oakland college shooting.** The man accused of gunning down seven people at a California religious college from which he was expelled was scheduled to be arraigned April 4, the same day authorities released the identities of six of the seven victims. The suspect was in an Alameda County jail, booked on charges of murder and kidnapping. Authorities said the suspect was upset he had been expelled from Oikos University, a small college in Oakland that caters primarily to the Korean-American Christian community. April 2, he walked into the single-story building, took a secretary hostage, and went looking for a particular female administrator, the Oakland Police chief said. Realizing the administrator was not in the classroom where he had hoped to find her, the suspect shot the secretary and ordered the students to line up against the wall, police said. Not all of them cooperated, and so he began shooting. After the shooting, the gunman left the classroom, reloaded his semiautomatic weapon, and returned, firing into several classrooms, the police chief said. In all, seven people were killed and three were wounded. "He planned this several weeks in advance," the police chief told KTVU 2 Oakland April 3. "He was so upset he went out and purchased a weapon and had every intent to kill people yesterday." Investigators determined the gun was obtained legally in California, but they have yet to locate it.

Source: http://www.cnn.com/2012/04/04/us/california-shooting/index.html?hpt=hp_t3

25. *April 4, Associated Press* – (California) **Students angry over raise in course prices pepper-sprayed at California college.** Campus police pepper-sprayed as many as 30 demonstrators after Santa Monica College students angry over a plan to offer high-priced courses tried to push their way into a trustees meeting April 3 in Santa Monica, California, authorities said. Students were angry because only a handful were allowed into the meeting, and when their request to move the meeting to a larger venue was denied, they began to enter the room, a Congressional candidate said. Two officers were apparently backed up against a wall and began using force to keep the students out of the room. The Congressional candidate said both officers used pepper spray. A Santa Monica College spokesman said he believed it was the first time pepper spray had been used to subdue students on campus. Firefighters were called to the campus after the incident. Five people were evaluated at the scene and two were taken to a hospital, a Santa Monica Fire Department captain said. Their injuries were not believed to be serious.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/04/04/students-angry-over-raise-in-course-prices-pepper-sprayed-at-california-college/?test=latestnews>
26. *April 4, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **NJ man accused of threat to congressman.** A Camden, New Jersey man was indicted on charges that he threatened to assault a member of Congress, the Associated Press reported April 4. Authorities said the man rang the doorbell at a U.S. Representative's home January 11 and complained that the government had not paid him for work he said he did as an Iraq war contractor. Authorities said he threatened to harm the Democratic congressman.
Source: <http://www.app.com/article/20120404/NJNEWS10/304040037/NJ-man-accused-of-threat-to-congressman>
27. *April 4, WRC 4 Washington, D.C.* – (Maryland) **More charges filed against University of Maryland student.** More charges have been filed against the University of Maryland College Park (UMCP) student who allegedly made online threats of a rampage, WRC 4 Washington, D.C. reported April 4. The student was discharged from the hospital April 3 and arrested. Police charged him with disturbing the orderly conduct of the activities, administration, or classes of UMCP, a misdemeanor. In addition to the original charges, the Office of the State's Attorney for Prince George's County filed more charges including misuse of e-mail, making a false statement, making a false statement to a public official, misuse of telephone facilities and equipment, and disturbing the peace. The student allegedly wrote, "I will be on a shooting rampage tomorrow on campus... hopefully I kill enough people to make it to national news... stay away from the mall tomorrow at 1:30." He was arrested the following day. Police said the suspect was unarmed at the time of his arrest. Police did not find weapons in his dorm room or his parents' home.
Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/More-Charges-Against--146073765.html>
28. *April 3, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **3 teens charged after bottle explodes in Bradley County middle school cafeteria; no one hurt.** Three students were sent to a juvenile detention center after setting off a homemade explosive device April 3 in the cafeteria at Lake Forest Middle School in Bradley County, Tennessee. Three students

were charged with possession of a weapon on school property and reckless endangerment. Investigators said two students brought household chemicals and a plastic bottle to school, combined the items in the bottle, and gave it to a third student who tossed it into a trash container. A chemical reaction caused the device to explode. The students said they learned about the device in an Internet video.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/c85348f170bd42b1a5269aa72684807f/TN--School-Bottle-Explosion/>

29. *April 3, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Bomb threat closes Kent County schools.** A bomb threat closed all eight Kent County public schools April 3 and forced Maryland State Police and local officers to search the buildings with bomb-sniffing dogs. The schools were closed soon after classes began and approximately 2,500 students were sent home for the rest of the day. The search continued throughout the day, but no explosive devices had been detected by late afternoon, school officials said. School officials confirmed they found a note early April 3 at Kent County Middle School in Chestertown. The note contained threats to every school building in the district, officials said. The threat was credible enough to order an evacuation, officials said. Classes were expected to resume on time April 4.

Source: http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2012-04-03/news/bs-md-kent-schools-closed-20120403_1_bomb-threat-schools-exact-contents

30. *April 3, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Iowa Capitol opened after powder prompts lock down.** Authorities locked down the Iowa Statehouse in Des Moines for several hours April 3 after a legislator opened an envelope containing a suspicious white powder and a threatening letter. The representative opened the envelope on the House floor, and lawmakers quickly sought the advice of the Iowa State Patrol. Officers ordered that the Statehouse be closed while postal inspectors, and a Des Moines hazardous materials crew rushed to the building. About 4 hours later, officers announced the powder was deemed harmless and people could leave the building.

Source: <http://www.wtop.com/?nid=209&sid=2813766>

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Emergency Services Sector

31. *April 4, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **911 calls questioned in Colorado wildfire deaths.** A man and his wife were among the first to begin calling 9-1-1 about a wildfire burning near their home on the outskirts of Denver March 26, but the dispatcher, having already answered a handful of calls about the fire, cut him off to tell him it was a controlled burn and that the forest service was on the scene. The man and his wife were later found dead at their burned out home. The 9-1-1 calls raised further questions about emergency officials' response to the fast-growing fire, which authorities believe killed three people, damaged or destroyed more than two dozen homes, and burned 6 square miles in the mountains southwest of Denver. Residents began calling to express

concern about the fire and high winds around 2 p.m., and at first dispatchers assured them the heavy smoke and flames were not a threat. Later, they acknowledged there was some trouble with a prescribed burn but told callers that firefighters were at the scene. A Jefferson County sheriff's office spokeswoman said sheriff's officials were aware the controlled burn broke its perimeter that afternoon but she said the agency did not know the fire got out of control until a local fire department sent a notification at 5 p.m. "We have to listen to what groups in the field are telling us," she said of why evacuations were not called earlier. "If they're saying there's a controlled burn and the state forest service is on the scene, we don't just create evacuations for a fire that has gone outside the perimeter." It appears the fire was sparked by a controlled burn set 4 days earlier by the Colorado State Forest Service, which said embers escaped from the burn sometime March 26. A review of what happened was ordered by the governor.
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10688298/911-calls-questioned-in-colorado-wildfire-deaths>

32. *April 3, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Denver 911 admits fault in man's slaying.** Denver 9-1-1 admitted one of its operators did not follow protocol when they asked a man to return to the scene of an altercation to talk to police and was then killed in a drive-by shooting. A Denver Police spokeswoman said the victim was driving with three others April 1 when people in a red Jeep began throwing bottles and debris at their car, breaking a window. The operator who took the call told the victims to return and wait for officers to arrive. The car, with four people inside, returned and stopped to wait for police. As the people were standing outside the parked car, the red Jeep, carrying about four men, drove by and opened fire on them, shooting the victim in the back, police said. The operator is on leave while an investigation into the shooting is completed. Police said the dispatcher should have worked with Wheat Ridge police and to have them meet the 9-1-1 callers.
Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/30820247/detail.html>

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Information Technology Sector

33. *April 4, H Security* – (International) **Joomla! 2.5.4 closes more security holes.** Two weeks after its last security update, the Joomla! project published another update to the 2.5.x branch of its open source content management system which addresses two vulnerabilities. Version 2.5.4 of Joomla! closes an information disclosure hole that allowed unauthorized access to administrative information and fixes a problem that could have been exploited by an attacker to conduct cross-site scripting attacks. Versions 2.5.0 to 2.5.3 are affected.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Joomla-2-5-4-closes-more-security-holes-1501510.html>
34. *April 4, Help Net Security* – (International) **Cybercriminals target Google, LinkedIn and Mass Effect 3 users.** During March, GFI Labs documented several spam attacks and malware-laden e-mail campaigns infiltrating users' systems under the guise of communications purporting to be from well-known companies and promotions for

popular products and services. Google, LinkedIn, Skype, and the video game Mass Effect 3 were among the brands exploited by cybercriminals in order to attract more victims. “Taking advantage of the notoriety of companies, celebrities and major events is a tactic cybercriminals continue to use because it works,” said a senior threat researcher at GFI Software. “They know that Internet users are bombarded with countless emails every day, and these scammers prey on our curiosity and our reflex-like tendency to click on links and open emails that look like they’re coming from a company we know and trust,” he added.

Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2055&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+\(Help+Net+Security\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2055&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+(Help+Net+Security)&utm_content=Google+Reader)

35. *April 3, Threatpost* – (International) **Apple issues update to prevent Flashback malware from infecting Mac OS X machines.** Less than a day after reports began surfacing that the Flashback trojan was hitting Mac OS X machines, Apple released a fix to stop the latest variant of the password-stealing malware April 3. The update closes numerous vulnerabilities in Java 1.6.0_29, including a serious hole that allowed an untrusted Java applet to help spread the malicious code. The quick turnaround is another indication of the widespread threat posed by the continuously mutating Flashback malware since millions of Web pages run on Java, and computers can become infected merely by a user visiting a malicious page. April 3, Threatpost reported Mozilla blacklisted all but the most recent version of Java to protect users who may not be aware of the flaw and attacks. Flashback is believed to target Safari and Firefox Web browsers. The Apple product update is available for Mac OS X v10.6.8, Mac OS X Server v10.6.8, OS X Lion v10.7.3, and Lion Server v10.7.3. According to Apple, “the most serious of the vulnerabilities allowed an untrusted Java applet to execute arbitrary code outside the Java sandbox.” The patch also addresses numerous other Java vulnerabilities. Despite taking less than a day to issue the update after security researchers publicly announced the trojan hit the Mac platform, numerous security sites also noted Oracle released a patch to fix the Java flaw for Windows in February. Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/apple-issues-update-prevent-flashback-malware-infecting-mac-os-x-machines-040312
36. *April 3, Computerworld* – (International) **Path tightens mobile app security.** Social networking service Path upgraded the security of its mobile application in apparent response to a recent outcry over its data gathering practices. In a statement, Path said a newly released 2.1.1 version of its software automatically hashes all user contact information in order to protect the privacy of the data. All phone numbers, e-mail addresses, Twitter handles, and Facebook IDs Path collects in order to connect users with their contacts will be hashed in future, according to the statement. Path’s move comes several weeks after the company found itself in the middle of a major privacy row after a programmer described how Path’s journaling application for iOS and Android-powered phones, used by over 2 million users, was secretly collecting user address book data. The disclosure drew widespread attention to the data collection practices of mobile application vendors in general, and the processes platform vendors such as Apple and Google use for vetting those vendors.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9225819/Path_tightens_mobile_app_security

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Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at sos@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

37. *April 4, CNET News* – (International) **TomTom releases fix for ‘leap year’ bug.** Satellite navigation maker TomTom released an update to fix a software glitch that left customers worldwide complaining about not being able to find their location, CNET News reported April 4. The problem, which began March 31, meant the sat-navs failed to get a GPS position. Instead, users saw a gray screen or a message saying the GPS signal was poor. The Dutch company apologized for the glitch April 4, which it said was caused by a “leap year” bug in the GPS receiver software from a third-party supplier. “A software update fixing the issue is now available via MyTomTom,” it said in a statement, directing owners to a support Web page. While the company did not directly identify which models were affected, its support page gives instructions for installing the update on the Start 20/25, Via 110/120/125, the Via Live 120/125, the Go Live 820/825, and the Go Live 1000/1005 and 1005 World.

Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1035_3-57409287-94/tomtom-releases-fix-for-leap-year-bug/

38. *April 3, KTVI 2 St. Louis; KPLR 11 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Cut fiber optic cable causes MetroLink delays.** MetroLink customers in St. Louis, Missouri, were told April 3 to expect approximate 30-minute delays throughout the day. A fiber-optic cable was damaged and was affecting communications with MetroLink system and trains. Trains were moving but were behind schedule. The Blue Line was operating only between the Shrewsbury I-44 MetroLink Station and the Forest Park-DeBaliviere MetroLink Station. Blue Line customers traveling east beyond the Forest Park-DeBaliviere MetroLink Station needed to board an eastbound Red Line train.

Source: <http://southcity.fox2now.com/news/transportation/85926-cut-fiber-optic-cable-causes-metrolink-delays>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

39. *April 4, WAOI 4 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Apartment building destroyed by fire.** Fire destroyed an apartment building in San Antonio April 4. Fire crews were called to the Connemara Estates when a resident spotted smoke and flames coming from the back of a unit in Building 8 at the complex. Firefighters were able to prevent the flames from spreading to other buildings, but Building 8 was a total loss. No serious injuries were reported.

Source: <http://www.woai.com/mostpopular/story/Apartment-building-destroyed-by-fire/2dBFTtcKN0qU9tKWhjfjXQ.csp>

40. *April 4, WNBC 4 New York* – (New York) **Fire guts landmark church on Long Island.** A fire struck a landmark 127-year-old church on Long Island, New York, April 3, causing damage to the interior of the historic building. The cause of the fire was under investigation, according to Suffolk County police. Six departments extinguished the fire in about an hour. No one was injured. The “Little Church” has not hosted daily services since the 1980s, but it has long been the home of the Roman Catholic parish’s youth ministry.

Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Fire-Little-Church-Bohemia-Long-Island-Landmark-146007805.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

Nothing to report

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Dams Sector

41. *April 3, WALB 10 Albany* – (Georgia) **Father of dam explosive suspect arrested.** Authorities in Albany, Georgia, arrested the father of a man who was caught with explosives April 2 at the Georgia Power Dam. The father was held on 6 counts of possessing a destructive device April 3. His son was released from jail after making bond April 2.

Source: <http://www.walb.com/story/17317128/father-of>

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